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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

What a shock to read in the New York Times this morning that the Central Intelligence Agency has been paying and will continue to pay three million dollars a year to the Special Forces in Vietnam.

Mr. Kennedy, do you wonder that the governments and peoples in the countries we "help" with such clandestine tyranny do not believe our talk of the Free World and our quoting the Constitution and founding fathers to them? Can you seriously wonder that the Vietcong has sympathizers in South Vietnam?

What to me is the greatest pain of all, however, is the cynicism this sort of action breeds at home, where we too know that in so many places we are not fighting for the Free World at all: we look with frustration and contempt on the political speeches that pretend we are, and with fear on the men who thus strangle our self-confidence and self-esteem as if they have lost faith in the country's creed.

We can only thank God for the Peace Corps, support the United Nations, and hope that they too are receiving vast sums more than we know about, from some group whose self-interest is more enlightened than the CIA's.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Constance Sigler

c: The New York Times

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